Humorous Department

Would Save the Band .- A correspondent send us this story, evidently from an ironical Swiss paper. A few soldiers belonging to part of a Swiss regiment in a garrison at Basel, went to a certain cafe for refreshments. One of them sat down along talk war politics. "Would you shoot the Germans if they invaded Switzerland?" asked the German.

"Oh, no; never!" exclaimed the soldier.

"Waiter, a pint of beer and a beefsteak with potatoes for this brave man," ordered the civilian.

"And your pals sitting at the next table-would they also not shoot the Germans if they tried to invade this country?"

"Oh, no, never," reiterated the Swiss "Waiter, a glass of beer for each of the soldiers at the next table!" ordered the civilian.

And again addressing the soldier he asked: "Is this generally the view held in the Swiss army in regard to a possible German invasion? Are all the Swiss soldiers so Germanophil?"

"I don't know." replied the soldier. "But why would you not shoot the Germans?'

"Because we belong to the band."-Manchester Guardian.

Wanted Further Instructions.-"Everybody," observed a New York woman, "knows one or more of those conscientious egotists who can not rid themselves of the notion that no one can be trusted to carry out the simplest details of routine work without their personal supervision.

"It was one of this sort who went west, leaving in his brother's care a parrot of which he was very fond All the way out he worried about the bird. and at Chicago he sent his brother the following telegram:

"'Be sure to feed the parrot.' "Whereupon brother telegraphed

back: "'Have fed him, but he is hungry again. What shall I do next? "-New York Times.

Might Have Been Worse,-The great explorer was captured by the savages, relates the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

"We will spare your life if you will marry my daughter," stated the chief in a ukase or ultimatum or tirade or the world.

The great explorer quailed, as well he might, for the princess had an ingrowing face. "Still," he murmured philosophical

ly, "it might have been worse. They might have insisted on a fashionable wedding." And so they lived happy ever after.

His Definition of Water.-Upon the eve of the annual meeting of the Kentucky Educational association, another story of the public schools may become amiss, says the Louisville Times This is one that is said to have happened at the Washington school where part of the original work was definitions of familiar things:

asked the teacher.

For the moment Johnny was stumped. Only for a moment, though, for he triumphantly answered, "Water is what turns black when you put your hands in it"

He Was It .- Mr. Meek was labortheir dinner guests were ringing the States registry. door bell. Mr. Meek breathed hard: his forehead was damp and his hands

"I do wish someone would invent a machine to do this kind of work." he muttered miserably.

"Why, they have," replied his wife brightly as she applied some powder nonchalantly to her nose. "They have, and you are it."-Youth's Companion.

young mother, "I've decided on a name for baby. We will call her

Papa was lost in thought for a few moments. He did not like the name, but if he opposed it his wife would the United States. have her own way. "That's nice," said he, presently.

Imogene, and she will take it as a compliment." "We will call her Mary, after my

mother," was the stern reply.

A Mean Trick .- A city youth secured a job with Farmer Jones. The morning after his arrival, promptly at 4 o'clock, the farmer rapped on his door and told him to get up. The youth protested. "What for?" he asked, rubbing his

"Why, we're going out to cut oats,"

replied the farmer.

"Are they wild oats?" queried the youth, "that you've got to sneak up on 'em in the dark?"

It Looked Different,-"What a pretty hat Mrs. Pinkey wore this evening. "Did you like it, dear?"

"Yes, it was very becoming. don't you get hats like that?" "You mustn't blame me if I laugh John. The hat you like is my hat Mrs. Pinkey borrowed it this evening.

It's the \$30 hat you called a fright."-

Cleveland Plain Dealer. A Modern Acceptance-Mr. Gushington: Miss Goldlocks! Clara, will you be mine?

Miss Goldlocks: Mr. Gushington, no high minded, modern thinking woman will ever consent to belong to any man. But I will marry you, Percy .-Brooklyn Citizen

Method Antique.- "Your new novel is in some way a bit out of date."

"How, for example?" "Well, you make the heroine sween the room with a glance, when today everybody is using vacuum cleaners.' -Boston Transcript:

She Changed the Subject.-She (passionately)-Will you be true to

He (tenderly)-As true as the rose bloom in your cheeks. She-Why-er-isn't grand?

Sentiment Not True of Pat .- "Fey-

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

items of Interest Gathered From All Around the World. Snow fell in Kansas and the handle" of Texas, Thursday.

President Wilson will review the river, at New York, May 17th. John R. Earnshaw, a Philadelphia man, joined them and two began to in prison for obtaining money under have in a measure caused a suspen- be easily remedied, however. Beat

> Three ships left Savannah, Ga., on ports. The vessels were loaded with been so great and hence many oil men and quite good once more. cotton and naval stores.

Up to and including May 7th, the Germans have sunk a total of 82 ships, costing 570 lives, excluding of those in the Lusitania disaster.

The date of the sinking of the Titanic by collision with an iceberg, was passengers and crew on board 1,517 were lost.

The Italian chamber of deputies will convene May 20. The Italian press and there was a balance of nineteen considers that only a miracle can keep pesos due on payments of last month. Italy out of the war.

to absolutely prohibit the sale of spirits less than three years old. Duties on beers and wines will be withdrawn.

Albert Hill, veteran a gravedigger of the Odd Fellow's cemetery, Philadelphia, known as the "Laughing Gravedigger," finished a grave Friday afternoon, climbed out, said he felt queer, and fell back into the grave

Fifty automobiles of Chester, Pa., were temporarily put out of business Thursday night by punctured tires, caused by hobnails scattered in great numbers on the streets, supposedly in an effort to drive the jitney cars out of business.

the amount of fresh meats held in five different countries represented: compared with 6,766,688 a year ago.

will make it strictly a newspaper, cutting out the magazine and "flubb"

Rev. George Chalmers Richmond has been deposed from the rectorship whatever you call it in them parts of of St. John's Episcopal church, Philadelphia, by decision of Bishop Rhinelander. The deposed clergyman is charged with "conduct unbecoming a clergyman and violating his ordinance vows."

> An agricultural department's report estimates the total acreage of winter wheat as being 40,169,000 acres, an increase in acreage of 4,-161,000 acres over last year, and an indicated yield, based on May 1, reports, of 693,000,000 bushels, an increase over the April estimate of 74,-000,000 bushels.

Early in March, John H. McFadden, the millionaire cotton broker of Philadelphia, engaged passage on the May , sailing of the Lusitania for himself nd family. Later, he says, he had premonition that the ship would be torpedoed and canceled his reservation. His friends ridiculed his fears, but he didn't sail.

The Atlantic Fruit company, New Sarnia and Sibiria, formerly owned by the Hamburg-American line. Both iously hooking up the back of his vessels have been tied up at American wife's evening dress just as the clock ports since the beginning of the war was striking their dinner hour and and have been transferred to United

John Mock, a wealthy citizen of John Mock, a wealthy citizen of an event equal almost to a champion-West Philadelphia, recently offered ship polo tournament on Long Island Mrs. Howard Gray of Roaring Branch. Pa., \$100,000 if she would relinquish her rights and claims to her daughter, Vivian Jane Lieb Gray, two years old, that he might adopt her as his own child. The offer was refused. Mrs. Gray's husband is a telegraph opera-

A special messenger of the prohibition forces in England, Mr. Henry Successful Ruse.—"Charlie," said the Randall, has sailed for the United did the Lusitania from Liverpool, no States to urge Rev. Billy Sunday to one ever disputed her mastery of the go to England to lead the prohibition fight on the liquor traffic in Great Britain. Mr. Sunday says he has all the work he can possibly attend to in Imperator, Olympic and Vaterland,

In an address at Madison, Wis., ex-President William H. Taft commended "My first sweetheart was named the neutrality policy of President Wilson, "which he has so conscientiously followed." Further, Mr. Taft said: "We are in a state of anxious expectancy-a state of sorrow. For a time we are enjoying a feverish activity in many branches of industry. We must take care that we are not overjoyful and misled-that all of this is real prosperity. We have been criticised for the sale of arms and ammunition permitted under the international neutrals could furnish arms and foodstuffs. As a nation we should not place ourselves at a disadvantage and take an opposite view of this ques-

MEXICAN STORM CENTER

Outlook is Still Dark, Says Dr. N. E. Pressly.

Tampico is the center of the revolu-Villista faction, if we can believe the reports, are approaching this point from four directions, and with the determination to take the port. The fortification of the place is still being pushed, and is considered to be in condition to resist any force sent against it. The last report on the Monterrey division is that Victoria, capital of the state of Tamaulipas, has fallen; and the advancing forces are only eighty miles from here. At el Edono, thirty-five miles distant on the San Lois Potosi line, daily fighting is kept up, and many wounded are coming in. The daily movement of troops keeps many excited, and the masses fear a seige, and its terrible consequences

The food situation has been reliev ed in a measure, for a few weeks; but it is only temporary. There were some days when it was impossible to get bread. Both wheat and corn have been shipped in, but they are high priced, seventy pesos (dollars) a sack of one hundred pounds of flour, and forty cents a litre for corn; about thirty litres a bushel. It has been sold as high as sixty cents a litre. The scarcity in the interior has been greatther," said little Mickey, "wasn't it er than here. Brother Tice, a Quaker Patrick Henry that said: 'Let us have missionary from Victoria, came to darkness, save for her port and star-board lights. But 212 passengers were Tampico last Thursday, and for five "Nivir!" said old Mickey. "Nobody of the name of Pathrick ivir said any only roasting ears to eat. He says: "In a says of the name of Pathrick ivir said any only roasting ears to eat. He says: "Nobody only roasting ears to eat. He says: "Nobo

heart of the leaders of the contending

The army transport "Sumner," has been sent here by the American government, to take Americans to some port in Texas. It will leave tomorrow have been dismissed, and with their families many will return to the

United States. Last Sabbath morning at 9 o'clock, school and service in Spanish. The collection was over thirteen pesos. Since the high cost of living has ad-April 14, at midnight. Of the 2,223 vanced, our collections have decreased. There is a fund in the treasury, but some of the bills have been annulled, and others are counterfeit, It has been made up, but there will be

The British government proposes a deficit at the end of this month. As the Mexican congregation went from the church at half past ten, the English congregation came in. It was the day of our communion service, and we had a good crowd. I was assisted by a local Methodist minister, and many expressed their enjoyment of the service. At the table were seen Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Methodists, Lutherans, Christians and Quaker. The floral decoration was beautiful, and the spirit good. The collection was \$46.05.

That night the Quaker brother gave us a good sermon, and he was enloved. He had not preached to as large a congregation in Mexico in his to Europe, there is a big increase in many nationalities, he thought he saw New Jersey April 1, there were stored Chinese. We have three Korean 16,223,115 pounds of fresh meat, as members, which he took to be Chinese. At the English service we have one nounced a reduction in the price of man. We have had a good many cents to 1 cent a copy, and says he since the movement of troops has been so active, they are all gone to the firing line. I find a good many that heard me preach and saw me at the Upper Chamber meetings, which we hold annually at some central place. The sickness is abating since the return of the hot season. There is some for peace.-Rev. N. E. Pressly, D. D., in A. R. Presbyterian.

QUEEN OF THE SEAS

by the Germans.

Eight years and eleven months old. one of the biggest, best equipped and fastest of the ocean liners, the Cunarder Lusitania held her head high

the lips of Dowager Lady Iverclyde, her sponsor. She was the newest and greatest maritime wonder. It was said at the time that she would smash finally the vinegar. Cook in double the speed records, and she did-even her own. For years the New York papers awaited her arrival in port as or a bitterly fought middle-season baseball series at Coogan's Bluff. With 3.000 passengers she made her maiden voyage on September 7, 1907, and reached New York in five days and 54 minutes, a record at that time. But the captain said, "I'll beat this," and thereafter that record was lower-ed and lowered, until the four-day

rip was a reality. Although German steamship men said that the vessels out of Hamburg sea, so far as speed was concern and the reputation she acquired at the outset of her career has lived on, despite the birth of liners, such as the far surpassing her in size. the favorite of some of the mos luxuriousness of her accommodations and her unfailing swiftness counting greatly in her favor as against mere bulkiness of the others. She had nine decks, all connected with elevators. Her cabins were designed to look more like a hotel than a ship, there being open fireplaces, windows shaped and curtained as in a private

house, elaborate suites, tapestried reception rooms, smoking rooms and Her captain, W. T. Turner, one of the most daring seamen who ever led a liner across the Atlantic, has braved torpedoes and submarines on rules. The rule has always been that and the big ship on one of the trips hoisted the Stars and Stripes to de ceive the enemy lurking beyond Queenstown. This gave cause for great concern in Washington, and it was said that Capt. Turner made use of the American flag on his own ini-Later, however, it was declared that the move had been ordered by the British admiralty, and that the aptain had nothing more to do than

bey orders. Everything about the great vesse was of colossal dimensions. Her rudder weighed 65 tons. She carried three anchors of 10 tons each. The main frames and beams, placed end to end,

would extend 30 miles. Her builders said she was as nearly unsinkable as a vessel could be. The ower deck was watertight, and the double bottom was so constructed that, should the bilge keels be torn away, and the bill pierced, the entering water would be confined within the inner and outer bottoms. The lower portion of the hull was divided into 175 watertight compartments, with communicating doors so constructed that they could be closed automatically from the bridge in a few seconds. the navigating

Marine engineers were particularly interested in the great engines by which the Lusitania was propelled. Instead of the usual type of reciprocating engines, turbines were installed. They developed an indicated horsepower of 70,000, driving four shafts, each of which carried a three-blade Her accommodations, distributed in-

to classes, were as follows: First, class, 550; second class, 500; third lass. 1.300 The zenith of her speed was reached on a western voyage when she still was a youngster. It was fou eleven hours and 42 minutes.

however, the record was wrested from and color that cannot stand gray, and her by her sister ship, Mauretania, which set the mark at four days, ten it should be worn, especially in the hours and 41 minutes, the standing Her first trip after the war began was made on August 4, when she slipped out of New York shrouded in aboard, and as it was known that the

FACT, FASHION AND FANCY Paragraphs on Various Topics Calcu-

lated to Interest York County Women. Almost every woman likes to make at noon with about three hundred mayonnaise dressing. Why, we don't North Atlantic fleet in the Hudson refugees. More than a thousand have know; but it is true just the same. gone in the last three months. The No matter what the cause, mayonnaise laws decreed by the Carranza gov- is found to curdle almost as often as lawyer, has been sentenced to a year ernment to govern the oil business it stays smooth. The condition can sion of drilling and the exportation of the yolk of a fresh egg quite smooth oil. Since the beginning of the and stir it into the curdled mayon-European trouble, the demand has not naise. 'The dressing will be united Lovely afternoon dresses for little

girls are made of white wash net The fabric, while simple, is light we had over eighty at the Sabbath and delicate enough to have a certain "party" air which every child loves. One frock prettily developed in white net is made with a three-flounced skirt, a single rose being fastened on each flounce. The bodice is made of a ruffle, like those on the skirts, gathered in above the waistline to form a full little peplum, and the sleeves too, are narrow ruffles of net Quite simple, but very pretty.

Soon the gardens will be filled with cucumbers and onlons and this receipt for cucumber and onion ketchup can doubtless be used to advantage Grate the cucumbers, which may be either ripe or green, as the vinegal will eat up the seeds. To each quart of the grated cucumber put one pint of grated onion, salt and pepper to taste and vinegar sufficient to make a liquid to pour. Put in fruit jars or large mounted bottles such as pickles come in. Open the jars about an hour before using to allow the gas to es-

Do you cultivate ferns? They are lovely plants aren't they? When they sojourn in the country of several are kept indoors all the time they years. The church was about full. He naturally begin to look faded. A lady Because of lack of ships to carry it said that he had never preached to as who cultivates many different kinds of ferns has found that this faded look can be obliterated if one will put American cold storage warehouses. In Mexicans, Americans, English and the ferns in a wash tub every two weeks and sponge them off with soft water and lots of soap, and after every second washing work into the Frank A. Munsey, owner, has an- Chinaman and he seems to be a good soil a piece of raw beef. Care should be taken not to injure the roots. A the New York Sunday Press from 5 soldiers at all of our meetings, and tablespoonful of caster oil poured at the roots of the fern is also a good

know me from other places, have Written for The Yorkville Enquirer. Optimism-what is it? Why, simply looking on the sunny side of lifeseeing the good in all things. We can cultivate this spirit if we only try and it makes such a difference in smallpox but it is under control. It what we see. We can look at the was brought in by soldiers. The out- same persons and see quite different look is dark, and we are all praying traits. And no matter in what direction we look we can see beautiful things. Why should we look down at the muddy street when we might gaze upon a clear blue sky? As an old of the Great Cunarder Sunk whole time in rooting around with of anyone wanting to be a pig."

Here is a receipt for a new dressing. as queen of the seas. First of the It is called "Sunset" dressing, and is a well-aimed bullet. In another case, passengers in four days from the departed port, 785 feet over all, making a speed of 27 knots, 38,000 tons distransatiantic palaces to cross and land really delightful: One-half teaspoonement, affording means of com- ar, one-eighth teaspoonful paprika, silver coins which deflected the mis- all that the Free Staters ask of civilfort in travel for 2,400 passengers and one-half tablespoonful of flour, yolks chievous missle 800 officers and men, with engines of of two eggs, one and a half, tablemain cost her owners \$10,000,000, and spoonful melted butter, one-half cupthey say she was worth every cent of ful evaporated milk to which add fore Sebastopol. He was assisting to Money is almost unknown among one-quarter cupful of water and one-It was in the yard of the British quarter cupful of vinegar. Mix dry York, has purchased the steamships shipbuilding firm, John Brown & Co., at Clyde Bank, on June 7, 1906, that ingredients, add beaten yolks of eggs. the Lusitania received her name from Heat milk and vinegar in separate pans. To the heated milk add the egg mixture, stirring constantly, and

boiler until thick. Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox is the author of this bit of verse which is well worth studying: To make a home, we should take all

of love. And much of patient, labor and keen joy; Then mix these elements with earth's

With finer things, drawn from the realms above, The Spirit Home.

There should be music, melody and song. Beauty in every spot: an open door And generous sharing of the pleas

ure store With fellow pilgrims, as they pass Seek for Home To narrow bounds let mirrors

And multiply each gracious touch of art. And let the casual stranger feel the

part-The great creative part which love has played Within the Home.

Iere bring your best in thought, and and word and deed; Your sweet acts, your highest selfcontrol Nor save them for some later hour

or goal; Here is the place and now's the time of need.

Did You Know That:

Colored linens are so fashionable that it is well to know that delicate shades may be kept from fading by

using plenty of pulverized borax in the water in which they are washed and rinsed? A weak solution of alum will re vive the coloirs of a faded carpet af

ter a thorough sweeping. A piece of lace or net stretched and put under a hole in a lace curtain, then pressed smooth with warm iron, will scarcely be visible. White vaseline is a good dressing for russet or patent leather; polish with absorbent cotton after applying

it with the finger tips. A small piece of gum camphor in vase of water will keep cut flowers a long time.

For thin lashes and brows rul vaseline into the brows and lashes very evening, rubbing with the growth of the hair and not the oppo site direction. Camphor will remove fresh peach

stains from linen if followed by soap and water, and also will remove white spots from furniture. Gray is one of the most popular shades of the spring. It is cool and It was four days, when it is becoming is really charm-42 minutes. Later, ing. But there are many types of face ing. But there are many types of face

> paler shades, only after careful thought. Jackets flaring from the yoke shoulder line are most in demand. Here is a receipt for cinnamon cake Two and one-fourth cups of sifted

one egg, one and one-fourth cups of milk. Sift dry ingredients into a bowl and rub in the butter. Beat the egg, add the milk and mix with dry ingredients. Turn into biscuit pan until one inch thick. Brush with melted butter, sprinkle with cinnamon and whom General Washington captured at manteus), although they have no chopped nuts if desired. Bake as biscuits.

SOME WONDERFUL ESCAPES

Defied Bullets and Seemed Charmed Lives.

There is a story told of an old veteran of the first Napoleon, says Tit-Bits, who lived until 1865, in the French village of Savary, and who owned a wooden leg, a wooden arm, a glass eye, a silver plate, a complete the top of his head, and yet died peaceably in his ped. Compared with such men, the proverbial nine-lived cat is nowhere. But as one reads the stories of great wars of the past the manner in which famous generals have played touch-and-go with death is little short of miraculous. The wonderful escape of Napoleon

and Wellington were proverbial. Though bullets grazed them and riddled their clothes and both had horses shot under them, yet both passed with two or three slight wounds apiece. General Blucher did not fare so well. Wounded several times while serving under Frederick the Great, he retired from the army when that irascible monarch swore at him.

In response, however, to the patriotic call, he took up arms against Napoleon and was seriously wounded at Lutben. At Lingy, too, he was thrown down and ridden over by the French and Prussian cavalry; but by drinking quantities of his favorite gin and water the old war-dog was able to lead his troops on the following day, and to materially Waterloo.

Marshal Ney, the bravest of the brave, was continuously fighting for 28 Hessians to till as much land as would years, yet he escaped with only a few slight wounds to meet a traitor's doom at the hands of the Bourbon king. He headed countless charges, had dozens of horses shot under him, eagerly courted death when leading the Old Guard at Waterloo, and yet was never

seriously wounded. Few cases are more remarkable, however, than that of Gen. Skenzyechi, who got 30 bullets through his perforated by a bullet in the Carlist war of 1837. Garibaldi, too, had many narrow shaves but none closer than when resting one day at Volturno. While drinking from a pail of water a splinter from a richochet shell grazed his thigh and killed some people near. The number of men who have escaped death through having a Bible, saying goes: "The pig spends his a coin, love letters or some other articles in their pockets, is legion. his nose in the dirt, but I never heard During the South African war, one man owed his life to the fact that the known—the "Free Staters." queen's chocolate box, which he carried in the breast of his tunic, stopped

> of death while serving as a captain be- sums and coons when they want hats. replace a number of gabions under a them. The few articles they need are severe fire, when a big shot struck the obtained at the cross-road stores by gabion he was holding, drove a large the barter of chestnuts, huckleberries, stone through his cheek and jaw to his and "sang," or ginseng root. They neck, smashing his right wrist and in- have their primitive manufactures, jured his skin. But Lord Roberts was dress skins into creditable leather, and even more fortunate. As he stood on make their wagons and household furthe tower at Lucknow signaling for niture from the abundant timber. the British army to advance thousands of shots were fired at him and the flag was shot from his hand. Calmly stooning down he raised up a regimental with a thin face and dark hair. The color and continued to wave that. His Free Stater is short, with large, round escape on that occasion was little short

a man found a bullet embedded in a

of a miracle

ORIGIN OF WAR TERMS Them Have Come From the British Race.

the exception of shrapnel, named after its inventor, an English colonel, there are very few war terms now in use which have a British ori-

Sword, musket, grenadier, dragoons, are all alien terms. "Grenadier" is generally supposed to come from the French. The word is, however, of German birth, and originally was "grenaier," the force owing their name to the hand-grenades with

which they were armed. The word "musket" has an Italian derivation: "Moschetto," which was really a species of small sparrowhawk. In ancient times and in the middle ages the name musket was used to designate a small mortar

which threw arrows. When gunpowder was discovered small cannon was baptised "musket," and later the rifle of the ordinary in fantryman earned the name, while the whole unit was called "mus-

ketiers." Both "dragoon" and "cuicarrier" ome from the French. The dragoons had a dragoon painted on their shields, and the cuirassiers carried a reast-protection made of copper-in

"Hussar" comes from the Hungar an word "husz." which means "twenty." The force derived its name from us). the fact that long ago every twentieth recruit in Hungary was placed in one of the mounted regiment.

Turks. It comes from the Turkish vord "Oghlan," youth. "Sword" comes from the Polish vord "szable," and "pistol" from the Italian town of Pistoja, which was famous in the middle ages for its arms

The Uhlans owe their name to the

factories. The bayonet takes its name from the French town Bayonne, where the inventor lived some 125 years ago. "Howitzer" is derived from the Czech word "houfinice," a wooden apparatus used in ancient times for for closer examination, he caught the purpose of throwing stones. We meet with the word also in the Hus- under some pieces of the rotting core site war, in the fifteenth century, where the weapon figures as "hauff-

ntiz. The officer's rank of major was derived originally from the Spanish "mayor," signifying great or

foreign source, coming down with the find another one very close by. These Italian and Spanish "guerro," and the snakes, while of a rather quarrelsome French "guerre" from the old German "werra."-Exchange.

P. Pappas, a Greek, was run down and killed by an automobile in showed any nervousness. When

THE FATE OF THE HESSIANS

The Soldiers England Imported for Use Against Americans. What became of the Hessians-the

norning in 1776? History, except to record their cap ture, is silent about them. The Treaty of Paris does not mention them, not does any writer of that day say any thing about their fate. A Virginia to pay the annual dog tax on them. correspondent of the Youth's Companion gives the following informa-

tion: At the time of their capture, th Federal government was finding it difficult to supply food and clothing to set of false teeth and a silver plate on its own starving, freezing troops. Congress cheerfully agreed to the suggestion of General Washington that he take his prisoners down to Alexanderia, Virginia, where they could earn their own living. Washington's motive was a shrew and thrifty one. Alexanderia was the

nearest town to his own estate at Mt. Vernon. The streets over which the considerable traffic from the river passed stood sadly in need of paving, and Washington thought it much better to have these sturdy fellows conthrough a life of battle and danger tribute to the improvement of the little city rather than to eat the bread of idleness in prison. And so the Hessians marched to

Alexandria and went to work to turn Alexandria mudholes into well paved streets. The records of Alexandria bore evidence of these facts, but, unfortunately, they were destroyed in the civil war. Some of the older citizens however can remember having seen the entries With the spring, Washington sent

the Hessians into northern Virginia,

at the eastern base of the Blue Ridge mountains. The land there was held assist in the winning of the battle of by a few families in estates of thousands of acres. Those great landown ers were glad enough to permit the comfortably support them. Each tenant paid a small rent for his land: sometimes the rent took the form of some service rendered to the landlord. And thus the Hessians took root in Virginia. And as it is not good for a man to be alone, they married-generally finding their wives among the "bond servants" sent over to Virginia from the houses of correction in England before the Revolution. The cloak during the battle of Ostrolenka Hessians did not mingle socially with in the Polish insurrection of 1831, or the old families of Virginia any more Sir D. Lacy Evans, whose ear was than the black slaves did. They desired companionship, and so in time most of them gathered in a small district in Fauquier county. There for a hundred years they lived, as separate from the other whites as the negroes. From the earliest days they have steadfastly refused to pay any taxes, and, as the cost and trouble of collection were usually more than the taxes were worth, they have been allowed to go scot-free. Hence the name by which they are universally

Living in their primitive cabins, the Free Staters have few wants, and are virtually independent of the outside world. A little coffee a trifling amount ization. They raise their own food Lord Wolseley came within an ace make their own shoes, and kill 'pos-

The evidences of their foreign descent are plentiful. The typical "po' white" of the south is long and lank head and light hair. The Free Staters

are fond of music and dancing. None of the present generation know who the Hessians were, but the most insulting epithet they apply to one another is, "You old Hessian!" The word is used nowhere else in the United States today, and has doubtless sur vived among them from the days of their captivity, when the term was

applied to them in reproach. Only a few hundred Free Staters are

now living in Fauguier county. A PYGMY RATTLER ATTACKS.

Venomous Little Reptile Hidden Log Near Kingsnake Eggs. In a small pond we captured several of the banded water snake (Tropidonotus facciatus), says the New York Sun. One a large and richly marked specimen, was lying coiled under the water, which was about 4 inches deep, and lying as he was among the short growth of vegetation I nearly stepped on him before I saw him. On placing the forked stick over him he wound up it as far as he could and struck viciously at everything in reach, but was soon grasped by the neck and placed into a bag. These water snakes, though non-venomous, were by a great majority of the people we met, thought to be very

poisonous. Many snakes were uncovered in turning over the fans; mostly very young cotton-mouths, which very strongly resemble the young copperheads (Ancistrodon Contortrix), and the pygmy rattlers (Sistrorus milari-This diminutive rattlesnake would generally be found coiled on the projecting base of a palm and covered by a palm fan. None that we caught made any attempt to escape, but they were ready to do mischief if they had the chance. They were so small, generally from 12 to 18 inches, that their rattling could not be heard

unless held close to the ear. My partner had a narrow escape from being bitten by one of them. He had broken open a hollow log, on the inside of which were a number of empty shells of snake eggs-probably the kingsnake or blacksnake-and as he reached to pick one of them up sight of a pygmy rattler coiled partly of the log and jerked his hand away just in time, for the snake struck vicously, narrowly missing it.

We broke open all the hollow logs

which we found, and in doing so found several very fine specimens of the king-snake (Ophibolous getulus). Us-"war" itself comes from a ually when we found one we would disposition among themselves or with other snakes, are remarkably gentle with man. Not one of the several we caught made any attempt to bite, nor thing look thot."—Ladies' Home Jour"The suffering is pitiful in the exnal.

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slowly on an exploring expedition. These snakes are powerful constrictors, feeding principally upon obnoxious rodents and other snakes: they have been known to kill the deadly thousand unfortunate hireling soldiers diamondback rattlers (Crotolus adamanteus), although they have no preference and will as readily kill and devour the non-venomous species. Trenton on that foggy December

devour the non-venomous species. Up to Friday, the police of Greenville have shot seventy-five dogs, the owners of the canines having refused

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